

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A universal collar that attaches to a pump and, in turn, a container used in a dispenser having a keyplate, the universal collar comprising: a body having a first flange and a second flange, wherein said flanges extend outward and are axially spaced from each other for receiving the keyplate therebetween.
2. The universal collar of Claim 1, wherein said flanges are connected on a forward side of the universal collar by a vertically extending rib.
3. The universal collar of Claim 1, wherein at least one of said flanges defines a notch on a rearward side thereof for receiving a projecting portion of the dispenser.
4. The universal collar of Claim 3, wherein said notch is centered within said flange on said rearward side.
5. The universal collar of Claim 1, wherein said body includes a top edge, said top edge defining a locating recess for receipt of a projection on the container, said recess having a base and a pair of upstanding sides, wherein said sides are circumferentially spaced from each other for receipt of the projection therebetween.
6. The universal collar of Claim 5, wherein one of said sides extends perpendicular to said base and the other of said sides extends obliquely relative to said base.
7. The universal collar of Claim 5, wherein said top edge extends axially

2 upward relative to said first flange and extends in a circular fashion to  
3 circumscribe a portion of the container.

1. 8. A universal collar comprising a hollow cylindrical collar having a first  
2 flange and a second flange extending at least rearwardly therefrom, and  
3 axially spaced to define a receiver clearance therebetween.
1. 9. The universal collar of claim 4, wherein said flanges extend radially outward  
2 from said collar, each flange defining a notch that opens rearwardly relative  
3 to said collar.
1. 10. A universal collar used in conjunction with a container for securement of the  
2 container within a soap dispenser that has a housing that defines a container  
3 recess and has a receiver that includes a keyplate, the container comprising a  
4 hollow body having a neck portion; and  
5 a universal collar comprising a body defining a bore, wherein said  
6 universal collar fits over said neck portion and receives said neck portion  
7 within said bore, and a pair of generally horizontal planar flanges extending  
8 radially outward from said universal collar and axially spaced from each  
9 other for receipt of the keyplate therebetween.